

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have given any incentives to the farmers to increase the production of pulses;
- (b) if so the details thereof;
- (c) the quantum of pulses grown in the country during the last three years, year- wise;
- (d) whether the production of pulses is more than our need;
- (e) if so, whether there are any proposal to export the pulses; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) is under implementation in 27 States/U.Ts covering 305 districts in the country. Under the scheme various incentive are provided to the farmers through State Govt. to increase the production of pulses. The NPDP Scheme envisages financial assistance to the farmers for distribution of certified seed, seed minikits, rhizobium culture, micro-nutrients, sprinkler sets, improved farm implements, PP equipments etc. Besides, this field demonstrations and farmers trainings are also being organised for the effective transfer of improved pulses production & protection technology.

(c) The quantum of pulses grown in the country during the last three years are given below;

YEAR	AREA	PRODUCTION
(in '000 ha)		(in '000 tonnes)
1997-98	22871.2	12979.3
1998-99	23818.9	14809.2
1999-2000	21371.0	13060.0
(Estimated)		

(d) to (f) The production of pulses is not more than our requirement. However the export of pulses is taking place in small quantities as the export of pulses is permitted only in 5 kg packing under OGL. The details of the export of pulses during last three years are given below:

YEAR	EXPORT OF PULSES (in lakh tonnes)
1997-98	1.68
1998-99	1.04
1999-2000	1.82
(Provisional)	